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SBA Announces Appointment of Martin D. Golden as Columbus District Director

COLUMBUS – The U.S. Small Business Administration is pleased to announce Martin D. Golden as the new Columbus District Director. As district director, he is responsible for the delivery of all SBA programs and services in the central and southern portion of the state as well as coordination between the SBA, the district's Small Business Development Centers, and the district's SCORE chapters. Programs and services delivered by the SBA include the loan guaranty program, which is delivered through more than 140 eligible lenders, assistance in government contracting and exporting, and training. The Columbus District Office, which covers 60 counties in the state, is located in Columbus with a branch office in Cincinnati and has a staff of 15 employees.

"We are pleased to have Martin D. Golden managing our operations in central and southern Ohio," said SBA Midwest Regional Administrator Marianne Markowitz. "With experience as a bank executive and as an entrepreneur, he knows what it takes to start and grow a business in these tough economic times. He has a strong management background that will be critical in moving our agency forward."

"It is a privilege and an honor to be appointed the Columbus District Director," said Golden.

"The importance of small business to the overall health of our economy cannot be overestimated. I want to use the resources of the SBA to nurture new businesses and to help grow existing ones. I will be going out into the community as much as possible to deliver the SBA message and to ensure entrepreneurs are aware of, and can access, SBA's services."

Golden has been a banker for 20 years and has served as a P&L manager, origination manager, originator, portfolio manager, and underwriter for institutions which include GE Capital, The Toronto-Dominion Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, and Credit Lyonnais.

In 2007 Golden developed and executed a business plan for the startup of Marquette Healthcare Finance, a commercial finance company focused on lending to the healthcare industry across the nation. Additionally, Golden was a member of the Board of Directors of Marquette Business Credit.

Prior to his finance career, Golden served on both active duty and as a reservist in the United States Navy as an Intelligence Officer rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Golden has a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of California at Berkeley. He received a bachelor's degree in Business/Economics from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He is married, has four children, and lives in Columbus, Ohio.

The Columbus District Office is located at 401 N. Front Street, Suite 200, in Columbus. More information is available on SBA programs and services by visiting the website www.sba.gov/oh/columbus or by calling (614) 469-6860.

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